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SUBJECT: AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN PHILIPPINE ELECTION OPINION
POLL

1. EMBOFF SPOKE BRIEFLY WITH ROPER ORGANIZATION'S BUD LEWIS
EVENING OF APRIL 3. LEWIS INDICATED HE HAS DECIDED TO CONDUCT
ROPER POLL OF ELECTION-EVE VOTER PREFERENCES. HE SAID INTER-
VIEWING BY LOCAL CONTRACTOR, GALLUP-AFFILIATED FAR EAST RESEARCH,
ALREADY HAS STARTED AND WILL CONTINUE OVER NEXT FEW DAYS.

2. MINDFUL OF POLITICAL AND LEGAL SANCTIONS AGAINST "FOREIGN
MEDDLING," LEWIS PERSONALLY WILL LEAVE PHILIPPINES AFTERNOON
OF APRIL 4 AFTER REVIEWING SURVEY RESULTS THUS FAR AND RESOLVING
ANY TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES. REMAINDER OF SURVEY WILL BE
CONDUCTED BY FILIPINO CONTRACTOR WITHOUT LEWIS' SUPERVISION.
FINAL RESULTS, "SIMPLY A COUPLE OF NUMBERS," WILL BE TRANSMITTED
TO NEW YORK. HE EXPECTS DR. ROPER TO ANNOUNCE THE RESULTS AT
A NEW YORK PRESS CONFERENCE.

3. THE ROPER POLL, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, IS LIMITED TO METRO
MANILA ELECTORAL REGION AND CONSISTS OF ASKING SAMPLE OF
VOTERS WHICH CANDIDATES FOR INTERIM LEGISLATURE THEY
INTEND TO VOTE FOR ON APRIL 7. ROPER'S CLIENT, PHILIPPINE
NEWS OF NEW YORK, HAS RESERVED RIGHT NOT TO PUBLICIZE
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